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Patent Application

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Entitled: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL DURING FILM PROCESSING**

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X 1. Specification, claims and abstract of the above-referenced patent application having 40 pages.

X 2. 11 sheet(s) of drawing(s) (formal / X informal) comprising Figures 1 through 5B.

 3. Declaration and executed Power of Attorney's (signed unsigned).

 3A. No filing fee, Oath, or Declaration is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.53(d).

 4. Information Disclosure Statement along with Form PTO-1449 and references.

 5. This is a: Continuation-In-Part; Divisional; Continuation; substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of Application Serial No. filed ; reissue of U.S. Patent No. filed on .
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7. Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119/120 based on filing in United States.

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8. Attached is Form PTO/SB/35 NonPublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

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